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Situation Report

Severe Storms

May 17, 2002

Two slow moving storm systems produced heavy rain, hail and damaging winds across the state for the past week. The first storm ran it's course from May 6-May 9, 2002. The second storm moved in Saturday night and dumped large amounts of rain, including over 8" in the northeast section of the State. Last weeks storm centered around Southeast Missouri, this week was Eastern Missouri's turn. The Mississippi River is bank full with some low areas in flood – the Missouri River is full with tributary flooding in the western end of the state. A third storm front is passing through the state this morning, following heavy rains through the night in the southern portions of the state. The storm is expected to leave the state today.

As a result of the widespread flooding, Governor Bob Holden declared a statewide State of Emergency yesterday. The disaster declaration makes state resources immediately available to assist local governments in recovery efforts.

The following River predictions were from National Weather Service:

City	Crest Height	Day of Crest	Flood Stage	Fall Below Flood Stage
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Mississippi River:

St. Louis, MO	37.5	Cresting	30	N/A
Cape Girardeau	47.0	May 19	32	N/A

Missouri River

Jefferson City, MO	27.5	Crested	23	May 17
Hermann, MO	29.1	Crested	21	May 19
Washington, MO	27.2	Crested	20	May 19
St. Charles, MO	31.6	Crested	25	May 19

Meramec River

Arnold, MO	37.0	Cresting	24	May 22
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- New Flood Crest information issued on May 16, 2002 at 1100 by National Weather Service
- Added Below Flood Stage information. Not Available for Mississippi River Stations at this time.

County Reports:

(Note: This listing of counties reflect only those that have reported their damages to SEMA since the last Situation Report. Further reports are anticipated from other affected counties.

Stoddard County: Emergency Management Director reported several structures flooded along the St. Francis River in an area known as Moccasin Flats. Several people live in the area, but have boats for access. They do not intend to evacuate.

Ameren UE and Army Corps of Engineers:

AmerenUE officials at Bagnall Dam report that all turbines are running at full power, and that the floodgates remain closed at this time. Lake level at The Lake of the Ozarks is at 656.7. Bagnell is releasing 34,000 cubic feet per second which is about what they are receiving from Truman Lake. Corps of Engineers will be reviewing intake estimates for Truman Lake and may start releasing water into Lake of the Ozarks this weekend. Corps of Engineers has responded to several requests for sandbags. The Corps of Engineers was releasing 12,000 cubic feet per second of water from Lake Wappapello and increased that to 14,000 cps yesterday (5/16/2002). They have been warning citizens downstream of these releases. Late reports indicate that the emergency spillway is about to release water into the St. Francis River. Local officials are heading to the scene to assess the situation.

SEMA Actions: State-Federal Preliminary Damage Assessment teams, which include a member from SEMA, FEMA and local officials, began assessing damages yesterday. SEMA has authorized the Corps of Engineers to issue 29,000 sandbags to date for communities along the Missouri River threatened by the high water levels. Compilation of data from the public and individual assistance will be accomplished today to determine if it warrants a request for a Presidential Declaration of Emergency.

Storm Related Deaths: Reports from Joplin indicate that the missing person's body has been recovered and now the death toll stands at 9. Missouri Water Patrol assisted in the recovery of the victim.

STATE Actions: Water Patrol officers are assisting Cape Girardeau officials in anticipation of increased water levels at Cape Girardeau. Water Patrol has assisted other Southeast Missouri communities in rescuing people from flooded areas. Water Patrol remains on standby throughout the State in case of worsening conditions. Department of Corrections provided assistance to Iron County yesterday.

FORECAST: Rain across the state today with most of the rain in the southern portions of the state. One line of showers remains in northern Missouri and is all rain is expected to exit the state this afternoon. High today in the 50's with a warming trend over the next five days. Long range forecast is for sunny skies through Tuesday with high's in the 60's.

Points of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100. (NOTE: SEMA will operate the SEOC on Saturday during the hours of 0800 to 1630, calls should be directed to the numbers listed above. Hours will be extended if conditions warrant.)